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1. FRG HAS AGAIN RAISED MATTER OF DESIGNATIONS FOR
BERLIN IN CONTEXT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. FRG
REP (KASTRUP) AT MARCH 20 BONN GROUP MEETING SAID FRG
IS CONCERNED THAT GDR HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN HAVING SUCH
DESIGNATIONS AS "BERLIN, GDR" USED IN MANY INTERNATIONAL
FORA. BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, HE CITED RECENTLY PUBLISHED
REPORT OF A WHO WORKING GROUP WHICH CONTAINS THIS
FORMULATION. RECALLING PAST BONN GROUP DISCUSSIONS OF
ISSUE WHICH WERE INCONCLUSIVE, KASTRUP SAID FRG CON-
CERNED THAT IF THERE IS NO WESTERN REACTION SUCH DESIG-
NATIONS WILL BECOME A MATTER OF ESTABLISHED PRACTICE.
FRG WOULD LIKE TO TRY TO OBVIATE THIS.

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2. US REP EXPRESSED THOUGHT, WHICH WAS SUPPORTED BY UK

AND FRENCH REPS, THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO PUT DOWN A LOW-KEY MARKER IN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL FORA WHICH WOULD REFER TO SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF USAGE AND RESTATE ALLIED LEGAL POSITION. ALLIED STATEMENTS REGARDING DEMOGRAPHIC YEARBOOK MIGHT ALSO BE REFERRED TO. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) THOUGHT IT BEST TO CONCENTRATE ON UN CONTEXT RATHER THAN LESSER ORGANIZATIONS BUT UK REP SAID HE BELIEVED SUCH A DISCLAIMER SHOULD BE MADE IN ALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH THE UNACCEPTABLE DESIGNATIONS HAVE BEEN USED. KASTRUP UNDERTOOK TO DEVELOP LIST OF CASES AS BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

COMMENT: IN VIEW OF CONTINUED FRG URGINGS THAT ALLIES DO SOMETHING ON THIS SUBJECT RECOMMEND WE PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPMENT OF LOW-KEY DISCLAIMER FOR CIRCULATION IN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. HANDY WAY TO PROCEED WOULD BE REFERENCE TO ALLIED DEMOGRAPHIC YEARBOOK COMMUNICATIONS, MAKING APPROPRIATE STATEMENT RESERVING OUR LEGAL POSITION. REQUEST GUIDANCE.
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